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# Interstate 10 Construction Update Litchfield and Dysart Roads Ramp Closures Continue

## **Upcoming Restrictions**

This week, construction progress continues with scheduled restrictions as part of the Interstate 10 Improvement Project. The current closure at 107th Avenue underneath I-10 continues through mid-March while the westbound I-10 bridge is rebuilt.

The eastbound I-10 Litchfield Road on-ramp and the eastbound I-10 Dysart Road off-ramp closures will continue for the next 2-3 weeks. Because the construction on this first eastbound section of I-10 is ahead of schedule, ADOT has an opportunity to begin work on the westbound I-10 between Litchfield and Dysart roads. In order to minimize future traffic impacts to large events such as NASCAR races at P.I.R. in April and the ongoing spring training in Goodyear, construction on the westbound side of I-10 will overlap with the current ramp closures on the eastbound side for approximately 2-3 weeks.

Beginning Friday, Feb. 27, the westbound Litchfield Road off-ramp and the Dysart Road on-ramp at I-10 will close to reconstruct the existing lanes of I-10 to match the new median lanes. This closure was not taken lightly, and after working with our partners ADOT is confident that the work on these ramps can be completed early. During the ramp closures, Litchfield and Dysart roads will remain open underneath I-10 and business access will be maintained.

The I-10 Improvement Project will soon reach a major milestone when construction of the new median lanes between Sarival Avenue and Loop 101 (Aqua Fria Freeway) enters its next phase. During the next several months, traffic between Estrella/Pebble Creek Parkway and Dysart Road will be moved to the new median lanes as crews begin reconstruction of the existing I-10 lanes, which will require on- and off-ramp closures at times. Drivers are encouraged to use adjacent ramps. Crossroads underneath I-10 and business access will remain open during construction.

#### Project Information

The I-10 Improvement Project will provide additional lanes between Verrado Way and Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway). The freeway expansion includes widening the existing median and adding outside lanes to improve east/west traffic flow in the West Valley.

This project is one of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan and is funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new transportation options in Maricopa County through 2025. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at www.ValleyFreeways.com.

ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions. As with any complex construction project, there is a possibility that severe weather or other unforeseen difficulties may result in unscheduled closures or restrictions.

Please visit the ADOT Web site for the most current information about planned and ongoing I-10 restrictions.

Here is an overview of the scheduled restrictions on I-10 in the West Valley:

#### 107th Avenue

Monday, Jan. 12 - Saturday, March 21

1 a.m. – 4 p.m.

107th Avenue underneath I-10 is closed for bridge work and is scheduled to reopen on Saturday, March 21 at 4 p.m. Onand off-ramps and business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges.

#### 99th Avenue

Monday, Jan. 12 - Friday, May 15

1 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The westbound I-10 on-ramp at 99th Avenue is closed for bridge work and is scheduled to reopen on Friday, May 15 at 4 p.m. Business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges.

## Eastbound Litchfield Road On-Ramp

Friday, Feb. 6 – Tuesday, April 7

11:30 p.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The I-10 eastbound Litchfield Road on-ramp is closed for lane reconstruction and is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. Business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 on-ramps.

### Eastbound Dysart Road Off-Ramp

Friday, Feb. 6 – Tuesday, April 7

11:30 p.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The I-10 eastbound Dysart Road off-ramp is closed for lane reconstruction and is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. Business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 off-ramps.

### Westbound Litchfield Road Off-Ramp

Friday, Feb. 27 – Wednesday, April 15

11:30 p.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The I-10 westbound Litchfield Road off-ramp is closed for lane reconstruction and is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m. Business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 on-ramps.

## Westbound Dysart Road On-Ramp

Friday, Feb. 27 - Tuesday, April 28

11:30 p.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The I-10 westbound Dysart Road on-ramp is closed for lane reconstruction and is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m. Business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 off-ramps.

# Interstate 10

Friday, Feb. 27 - Saturday, Feb. 28

11:30 p.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The I-10 westbound between Dysart Road and Litchfield Road will be restricted to one lane overnight from 11:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 until 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

- For general information about I-10 improvements, contact the I-10 project hotline or email.
- ♦ For information on construction activities, contact Lars Jacoby at **602.712.7176** or <u>LJacoby@azdot.gov</u>.
- ♦ For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.gov or call **5-1-1**

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